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HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE OLD NORTHWEST

The normal expectation of a reduced activity along historical lines as a result of American participation in the world war is scarcely borne out by an actual survey of this field. So firmly have the foundations of serious historical study been laid that the carefully planned programs of historical agencies which have gradually established their place in the work-a-day world are not easily disturbed. Equally important, perhaps, is the fact that a new use has been found for such organizations as the channel for an important national service in connection with the great upheaval.

ORGANIZATION, LEGISLATION, AND EQUIPMENT

It was even found that states without an official historical agency were handicapped in the performance of full patriotic service. As a result of the suggestions of the national board for historical service, reënforced by the recommendations of the Ohio valley historical society and by local agencies, Governor James M. Cox of Ohio appointed an Ohio historical commission of twenty-three members headed by A. M. Schlesinger to direct the work of collecting and preserving materials bearing upon the part played by Ohio in the world war. Wisconsin, already organized for aggressive work along historical lines, even strengthened its organization in order to meet the new need. The state council of defense provided for a war history commission whose function is that of gathering for permanent preservation all the material that can be obtained relating to Wisconsin's share in the war. The state hopes to live up to its reputation of possessing the most complete collection of historical materials relating to the civil war of any state in the union. Plans have been made whereby the commission expects to coöperate with county councils of defense, local libraries, historical societies, and schools in this work of collecting and preserving materials. The chairman of the commission is M. M. Quaife, director of the state historical society; John W. Oliver of the same organization has been named director of the commission.

The Michigan historical commission has closed its fifth and most successful year. The commission now has a fairly well organized series of publications which are issued in editions of 2,500 copies and distributed free to the libraries and schools of Michigan and to such institutions outside the state as have arranged for exchanges. Within the last year George N. Fuller has been given the title of secretary and editor and Floyd Streeter has been promoted to the position of archivist. The fifth annual report of the commission may be found in the January, 1918, issue of the *Michigan history magazine*, (pages 54-57).

The Indiana historical survey continues its activities along established lines. The department of Indiana history and archives is arranging for the calendaring of the Lasselle and Tip-ton collections of manuscripts this spring and summer.

The war has interfered only slightly with the celebration of centennial anniversary of the admission of the state of Illinois into the union. The Illinois centennial commission has assigned charge to Hugh S. Magill and he has aroused local interest throughout the state in the various features of the anniversary. A patriotic color has been given to the celebration by linking the past of the state with present day conditions and problems. The portrayal of episodes in Illinois history in pageantry is under the direction of Wallace Rice, who has been appointed pageant-writer. The five volume centennial history of Illinois will appear before the close of the year. Three of the volumes have already gone to press and a second issue of the preliminary volume surveying conditions in *Illinois in 1818*¹ appeared in January, 1918. This edition and the centennial history has been placed in the hands of a publisher under contract to furnish the work to the general public at the cost of publication.

Early in the year the Illinois catholic historical society was organized with a view of gathering together material for the history of the state, especially as regards the part the Catholics have taken in the discovery, exploration, progress, and development. William J. Onahan is president of the new organization, which has its headquarters in Chicago; the *Illinois Catholic historical review* has been inaugurated under the editorial direc-

¹ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 396-398.

tion of Joseph J. Thompson, of Chicago. The Jewish historical society of Illinois has created a centennial celebration committee which is directing the preparation of a *Centennial history of the Jews of Illinois*. The Illinois state medical society is undertaking to compile an *Illinois state medical history*.

ACQUISITION OF SOURCE MATERIAL

The state historical society of Wisconsin reports a library of 409,848 titles on September 30, 1917, the increase for the preceding year having been 12,559 items. Besides a number of minor groups of manuscript accessions, the society acquired an important collection of private papers of Henry Demarest Lloyd, one of the active social reformers of the later nineteenth century. A large collection of the papers of Increase Allen Lapham, the naturalist, has been added to the library. The society has also been aggressive in its collection of material pertaining to Wisconsin's part in the European war. It has recently secured a photostatic machine of the largest size with the view to copying the files of early American newspapers, particularly those published in the middle west. An arrangement has been made with the Missouri historical society for the reproduction of all files of Missouri newspapers still in existence down to the year 1825. Mr. Quaife hopes to be able to offer to the branch of the historical profession dealing with middle-western history the same sort of service that the Massachusetts historical society has been furnishing to eastern scholars.

The Western Reserve historical society has added to its library a number of bound volumes of newspapers, including the *Cleveland Register* for 1818, the *Cleveland Herald*, 1818-1825, the *Buffalo Evening Post*, 1851-1866, the *New Richmond* (Ohio) *Philanthropist*, 1836-1838, the *Ravenna Star*, 1832; and the *Zanesville Visitor*, 1837-1838. The more notable manuscript items secured by this organization are the private papers and correspondence of Theodore E. Burton, as yet unclassified; a collection of some 2,000 General Braxton Bragg papers which include a letter from C. L. Vallandigham to General Bragg asking permission to enter the confederate lines and the official correspondence concerning this case, and secret confederate reports bearing on the organization of the union armies; a col-

lection of early Cleveland material principally concerned with John Walworth; twenty-two letters and documents bearing on Blennerhassett-Burr affairs; and a chest full of records of the Atlantic and Great Western railroad.

The Indiana historical survey has systematized its scheme for the collection of newspaper material. The survey now receives and binds one paper from each county of the state; it has added 200 volumes during the year.

The Illinois historical survey of the university of Illinois has acquired a large collection of photostatic copies and manuscript transcripts from the French archives in Paris. The collection now numbers some 3,000 photostats and about 2,100 transcripts. All these pertain to the early history of the Mississippi valley. The survey has also purchased a set of transcripts from the archive of the Indies, Seville, relating to Spanish Louisiana, the Mississippi valley, and the revolutionary war. These documents are being purchased from Mr. Charles H. Cunningham of Austin, Texas, who has already furnished 5,300 pages and is planning to supply approximately 500 pages a month. The survey has also acquired a collection of clippings covering various phases of the labor movement, particularly in Chicago, since 1870. One of the most important recent gains for historical research in Illinois is an arrangement with the trustees of Union Academy of Anna, Illinois, by which the Charles M. Willard newspaper collection of the academy was placed on deposit with the survey collections at Urbana. These newspapers include early nineteenth century files from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and the southern states, besides several important Illinois and Missouri items.

PUBLICATION OF SOURCE MATERIAL

The most important new venture of the year in the publication of source material is represented by the *Marietta college historical collections*² which was launched in 1917 under the editorial direction of Archer B. Hulbert. Thus far the records of the original proceedings of the Ohio company have been issued in two volumes. A third volume entitled *Ohio in the time of the confederation* is progressing toward completion. To

² Reviewed *ante*, 4: 390-392.

make possible this important undertaking the Marietta historical commission was organized; the commission, of which Mr. Hulbert is chairman, acts as the publisher of the *Collections*. The *Quarterly publication of the historical and philosophical society of Ohio* contains some "Letters of Thomas Boylston Adams," a reprint of J. H. Daviess' "View of the president's conduct concerning the conspiracy of 1806," and some "Selections from the William Greene papers." Tract number 97 of the Western Reserve historical society prints fifty-seven letters and three contemporary maps from the John May collection of manuscripts under the title, "Side lights on the Ohio company of associates." They are edited with an introduction by Elbert J. Benton. The Buffalo historical society has in preparation a volume of the journal and letters of Samuel Kirkland, missionary to the Seneca and Oneida, United States government agent, and founder of Hamilton college; with the society is coöperating Hamilton college. *The Mexican war diary of George B. McClellan*,³ which has been edited by W. S. Myers (Princeton, 1917. 93 p.), suggests something of the typical experiences of the troops from the middle west who served in the Mexican war.

The publication activities of the Wisconsin historical society have gone forward with their customary dispatch. Volume 24 of the *Collections*, *Frontier retreat on the upper Ohio, 1779-1781*⁴ has been edited by Louise P. Kellogg (Draper series, volume 5, Madison, 1917. 459 p.). Volume 25 of the *Collections*, entitled *An English settler in pioneer Wisconsin*, comprising the papers of Edwin Bottomley, a pioneer farmer of Racine county, has been edited by M. M. Quaife and is just about ready to appear. (Madison, 1918). The second volume of the calendar series of the Draper collection, listing the thirty-four volumes of the Kentucky series, has been sent to the printer. A "Constitutional series," a civil war volume or two, and a volume of source material pertaining to Indian treaties in which Wisconsin was more or less directly concerned are among the projects being carried forward by the society at the present writing.

The publication of *Manuscripts from the Burton historical*

³ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 381-382.

⁴ To be reviewed later.

*collection*⁵ has been continued under the editorship of M. Agnes Burton. Numbers four and five which have appeared during the year contain material pertaining in the main to Michigan history and early Indiana history. A collection of the civil war letters of Washington Gardner appears in the October, 1917, number of the *Michigan history magazine*. The *Michigan historical collections* will be henceforth exclusively documentary. Selections from the "Journal" of John Sutherland, a prominent Indiana agriculturalist, were contributed by Ella Lonn to the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW for December, 1917, pages 362-370.

A valuable reprint of "Ole Rynning's true account of America" may be found in the *Minnesota history bulletin* for November, 1917. This is a careful translation of a rare account of early Norwegian settlement in Illinois. An important contemporary letter pertaining to the Alton riot in which Elijah P. Lovejoy was murdered in 1837, by Winthrop S. Gilman, a member of the firm of Godfrey and Gilman in whose warehouse Lovejoy stored his press, is printed in the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW for March, 1918 (pages 491-494). A volume of *Uncollected letters of Abraham Lincoln*⁶ by Gilbert A. Tracy (Boston, 1917. 264 p.) contains important material for the Lincoln student and for the historian of Illinois.

The Illinois state historical library, after having suspended its publication activity to coöperate in the centennial celebration has now made rather elaborate plans for the publication of Illinois sources. The celebration of the centennial has called out independent of the editor-in-chief and of the trustees the proposal for three volumes. The first two are to be products of the legislative reference bureau under the supervision of W. F. Dodd. The manuscript of one volume, a reprint of the three constitutions of Illinois with annotations and introduction, should be ready for the press within a few weeks. The second volume will be a reprint of the "Journal of the constitutional convention," 1848, which was printed originally in the *Springfield Register*. The third volume is a reprint of the territorial laws, beginning with those of the Northwest territory. A vol-

⁵ To be reviewed later.

⁶ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 509-511.

ume of material pertaining to the life of Edward Coles has been suggested. A second volume of George Rogers Clark papers and additional volumes on the British period are in various stages of development.

MEETINGS AND PUBLISHED TRANSACTIONS

The *Annual report* of the American historical association for 1915 (Washington, 1917. 375 p.)⁷ includes no papers which touch the field of western history. It does, however, include a report on historical societies in which the agencies to be found in the old northwest are listed. At the 1917 meeting of the association at Philadelphia two papers were read that concerned the history of the upper Mississippi valley: "Influence of wheat and cotton on Anglo-American relations during the civil war," by Louis B. Schmidt, and "To what extent was George Rogers Clark in possession of the northwest at the close of the revolution?" by J. A. James. The latter was read at the joint conference with the Mississippi valley historical association.

The *Proceedings* of the Mississippi valley historical association for 1916-1917 will be issued in an extra number of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW. The following are papers relating to the history of the upper Mississippi valley which will appear: "The coming of the circuit rider across the mountains," by W. W. Sweet; "Pageantry possibilities," by Bernard Sobel; and "Possibilities in state historical celebrations," by Harlow Lindley. The 1918 meeting of the association was held at St. Paul and Minneapolis, May 9-11. Papers on the history of the middle west were read as follows: "The literary spirit among the early Ohio valley settlers," by Logan Esarey; "Religious forces in the United States, 1815-1830," by Martha L. Edwards; "Popular sovereignty and the colonization of Kansas from 1854 to 1860," by W. O. Lynch; "Commercial intercourse with the confederacy in the Mississippi valley, 1861-1865," by E. M. Coulter; "Some relations of the upper Mississippi valley with Lake Superior in the civil war period," by L. B. Shippee; "Indiana state aid for negro deportation," by H. N. Sherwood; "The United States factory system for trading with the Indians," by R. B. Way; "The collapse of the steamboat traffic

⁷ To be reviewed later.

upon the Mississippi; an inquiry into causes," by P. W. Brown; "The population of the Ohio valley during the eighteenth century," by J. E. Bradford; and the dedicatory address at the opening of the new building for the Minnesota historical society, "Middle western pioneer democracy," by F. J. Turner.

The Ohio valley historical association held its eleventh annual meeting at Pittsburgh on November 30 and December 1, 1917. The papers read before the association include: "The Ohio valley in the preliminaries of the war of 1812," by C. B. Coleman; "Writers of West Virginia," by Mary Meek; "International relations and the economic development of the Ohio valley a century ago," by Homer C. Hockett; "The work of the Ohio valley historical association in the present crisis," by Elizabeth Crowther; "Early land systems in the Ohio valley," by St. George L. Sioussat; "Western Pennsylvania Indian folklore," by H. W. Shoemaker; "Washington's Chartiers farm," by Archer B. Hulbert; "The Scioto company and the settlement of Gallipolis," by Harlow Lindley; "The Ohio valley and the Panama congress of 1826," by H. B. Saul; "Early transportation on the Ohio valley rivers," by C. H. Ambler; "The last decade in the Ohio valley," by James R. Robertson; and the presidential address by Burr S. Patterson entitled "The Ohio valley's proper place in history."

The midwinter meeting of the Michigan pioneer and historical society was postponed on account of war conditions; the annual meeting took place at Lansing, May 27-29, 1918. The program was arranged in keeping with the spirit of the times with talks upon the war by ex-Governors Fred Warner, Woodbridge N. Ferris and Chase S. Osborn. An address by the president of the society, Augustus C. Carton, entitled, "What can a historical society do now," called attention to the importance of preserving the records of current Michigan history, especially those of war preparations. Reports of collecting activities were made by representatives of county historical societies. The papers and addresses will appear later in the *Michigan history magazine*.

Several interesting papers presented before the Wisconsin historical society at its sixty-fourth annual meeting are printed

in the *Proceedings*⁸ of the society for 1916 (Madison, 1917. 363 p.); these include "President Lincoln as a war statesman," by A. L. Conger; "Reminiscences of a pioneer missionary," by Chrysostom A. Verwyst; "The beginnings of the Norwegian press in America," by Albert O. Barton; "The dream of a northwestern confederacy," by W. C. Cochran; and "The story of Brevet Major Isaac N. Earl," by N. H. Culver. With the establishment of the *Wisconsin magazine of history* it was decided no longer to print papers of an historical character in the *Proceedings*. The *Proceedings* of the sixty-fifth annual meeting of October 25, 1917, therefore, will appear shortly as a sixty or seventy page annual report.

The *Transactions* of the Illinois state historical society for 1916 (Springfield, 1917. 135 p.) prints the following papers: "The first two counties of Illinois and their people," by Fred J. Kern; "The development of the veto power of the governor of Illinois," by N. H. Debel (this is the same article that is published in the *Journal* of the society for October, 1916); "The Indian history of Illinois," by Ralph Linton; "Oddities in early Illinois laws," by J. J. Thompson; "Early Presbyterianism in east central Illinois," by Ira W. Allen; "Sixty years in Chicago," by William J. Onahan; "Slavery or involuntary servitude in Illinois prior to and after its admission as a state," by O. W. Aldrich; and "The Fox river of Illinois," by J. F. Steward.

At the May, 1918, meeting of the Illinois state historical society the following addresses were delivered: "Virginia in the making of Illinois," by J. J. Eckenrode; "The Illinois centennial," by Edmund J. James; "The place of Illinois in the democratic movement of the century," by Allen Johnson; "Establishing the American colonial system in the old northwest," by Elbert J. Benton; "Indiana's interest in historic Illinois," by C. W. Moores; "The Illinois centennial history," by C. W. Alvord; and a "Centennial address," by E. A. Bancroft.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE

Four new ventures into the fields of periodical publication have been launched within the year. These are all quarterlies:

⁸ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 530-531.

the *Michigan history magazine*, official organ of the Michigan historical commission and of the Michigan pioneer and historical society, the first number of which appeared in July, 1917; the *Wisconsin magazine of history*, one of the publications of the state historical society of Wisconsin, which was inaugurated in September, 1917; the *Western Pennsylvania historical magazine*, which made its initial appearance in January, 1918; and the *Illinois Catholic historical review*, publication of which begins in June, 1918. All of these involve a distinct improvement in the publication of historical articles dealing with state history.

After two issues in 1917, the *Michigan history magazine* began its second volume with the issue of January, 1918. Notable articles published in this new quarterly are: "A sketch of the life of Isaac Marston," by W. L. Clements; "The field for the historian in the upper peninsula," by F. X. Barth; "The spirit of the times," by W. N. Ferris; "The first bank in Michigan," by William L. Jenks; "History of St. Mary's parish, Marshall, Michigan," by J. Cahalen; "Will Carleton, Michigan's poet," by B. A. Finney; "Reminiscences of William H. Brockway," by Mrs. Mary Brockway Dickey; "Michigan and the Holland immigration of 1847," by G. Van Schelven; "Holland emigration to Michigan: its causes and results," by G. J. Dikema; "Carl Schurz in Michigan," by E. G. Holden; "History of the equal suffrage movement in Michigan," by K. M. Fox; "Coming of the Italians to Detroit," by J. C. Vismara; "Father Marquette at Michilimackinac," by E. O. Wood; "Congregationalism as a factor in the making of Michigan," by J. P. Sander-son; "Historical sketch of the university of Detroit," by W. T. Doran; "Factional character of early Michigan politics," by F. B. Streeter; "The creation of the territory of Michigan," by W. L. Jenks; "History of prohibition legislation in Michigan," by F. B. Streeter; "James Burrill Angell and the university of Michigan," by W. B. Shaw; "Early Catholic missions in Emmett county," by Thomas Linehan; and "The pageant of Escanaba," by F. E. King.

The first issue of the *Wisconsin magazine of history* appeared in September, 1917. Three numbers present articles as follows: "Increase Allen Lapham, first scholar of Wisconsin," by M. M.

Quaife; "A forest fire in northern Wisconsin," by John L. Bracklin; "Bankers' aid in 1861-62," by Louise P. Kellogg; "The frontier a world problem," by Carl R. Fish; "Early recollections of Lake Geneva," by George Manierre; "Description of a journey to North America, by Ole Knudsen Nattestad," by Rasmus B. Anderson; "A Wisconsin woman's picture of President Lincoln," by Cordelia A. P. Harvey; "The Dutch settlements of Sheboygan county," by Sipko F. Rederus; and "Pioneer recollections of Beloit and southern Wisconsin," by Lucius G. Fisher. The *Wisconsin archeologist* has appeared regularly with such articles as "The Chetek and Rice lakes," by C. E. Brown and R. H. Becker and "Indian remains in Door county," by J. P. Schumaker.

Three issues of the *Journal of the Illinois state historical society*, from October, 1916, to April, 1917, have appeared during the year. They contain such items as: "The development of the veto power of the governor of Illinois," by N. H. Debel; "The founding of Bishop Hill colony," by Eric Johnson; "Penalties of patriotism," a review of the part in Illinois history played by Francis Vigo, Pierre Gibault, George Rogers Clark, and Arthur St. Clair, by J. J. Thompson; "Rev. Colin Dew James, a pioneer Methodist preacher of early Illinois," by Edmund J. James; "Early women preachers in Illinois," by Katherine Stahl; "Times when Lincoln remembered Albion," by Walter Colyer; "Transportation, a factor in the development of northern Illinois previous to 1860," by J. F. Lee; "The Lincoln-Thornton debate of 1856 at Shelbyville," by D. C. Smith and H. H. Cooper; "Abraham Lincoln," by N. G. Flag; and "The Catholic bishops of the diocese of Alton," by A. Zurbaum. The 1916 number of the *Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikanische historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois* reprints the article prepared for *Das Westland* by George Engelmann, entitled "The German settlement five miles east of Belleville," and also "A criticism of Duden's report on the western states of North America," by Gustave Koerner. "Gottfried Duden's report, 1824-1827" is reprinted in translation by William G. Bek, in the *Missouri historical review* for October, 1917, and January, 1918. The first number of the *Illinois Catholic historical review* presents the following papers to its readers: "Early Catholicity in Chi-

cago, 1673-1843," by G. J. Garrahan and "Opportunities for research in Catholic history in the west," by C. W. Alvord.

The *Indiana magazine of history* has had another highly successful year. Some of the most important articles published since June, 1917, are: "Pioneer politics in Indiana," by Logan Esarey; "Colonel John Paul," by Blanche G. Garber; "Universalism in Indiana" (concluded), by Elmo A. Robinson; "The origin and development of the republican party in Indiana," by Charles Zimmerman; "The pioneer aristocracy," by Logan Esarey; "The underground railroad in Monroe county," by H. L. Smith; "Lincoln in Indiana," by J. Edward Murr; and "Topenbee and the decline of the Pottawattamie nation," by Elmore Barce.

The recent issues of the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly* include "Ohio in the presidential election of 1824," by E. H. Roseboom; "Explorations in the Westenhaver mound," by W. C. Mills; "The mound builder and the Indian according to the book of Mormon," by C. W. Clark; "The Feurt mounds and village site," by William C. Mills; besides articles on "Mac-O-Chee valley," by Keren Jane Gaumer; "Johnson's islands," by Hewson L. Peeke; "Muskingum river pilots," by Irwin Trans; and "Henry Bouquet," by J. C. Reeve. The *Ohio history teachers' journal* for January, 1918, presents an article on "Ohio historiography since the civil war," by Clarence E. Carter.

The *Western Pennsylvania historical magazine*, to be published quarterly by the historical society of western Pennsylvania, made its debut as a pamphlet of fifty-five pages in January, 1918. It avows the purpose of preserving, discussing, and disseminating matters of local history, biography, and belles lettres, and of publishing original letters, records, and journals. The first number includes the "Diary of a young oil speculator;" the "Common place book of Rev. John Taylor," as well as a reprint, from Loudon's *Indian narratives*, of the "Trial of Marmachtago" by Judge Hugh Henry Brackenridge.

The general historical periodicals contain some articles bearing on phases of the history of the old northwest. The September, 1917, issue of the *MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW* contains articles entitled "Settlement and development of the

lead and zinc mining region with special emphasis upon Jo Daviess county, Illinois," by B. H. Schockel, and one on "Spanish influence in the west during the American revolution," by J. A. James. The March, 1918, number contains two noteworthy articles: "President Lincoln and the Illinois radical republicans," by Arthur C. Cole, and "The influence of the west on the rise and fall of political parties," by Homer C. Hockett. The *Americana* for January, 1918, appearing in enlarged form as a quarterly instead of monthly, contains an article on "The Northwest territory and the ordinance of 1787," by C. A. Ingraham.

The *Catholic historical review*, July, 1917, has two articles that should appeal to western readers: one by Rev. Charles L. Sonvay, on "Rosati's elevation to the see of St. Louis (1827);" the other by Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, on "Catholic pioneers of the Oregon country." The April, 1918, issue has an article on the "Centenary of Ohio's oldest Catholic church (1818-1918)," by Victor O'Daniel and another on "A centennial of the church in St. Louis (1818-1918)" by Charles L. Sonvay.

Volume five of the second series of the *Papers of the American society of church history* contains a paper entitled "Early theological education west of the Alleghanies," by Jesse Johnson. Among recent magazine articles of special interest to the old northwest is "A century of steam on the great lakes," in *Outlook*, July 11, 1917.

Two articles on "Abraham Lincoln and his work," by Henry A. Stebbins, appear in the April and May, 1917, numbers of *Autumn leaves*. "Lincoln as a neighbor," by P. W. Ayres, appears in the February, 1918 issue of the *Reviews of reviews*. The *Iowa journal of history and politics* for July, 1917, contains an article by Ruth A. Gallaher entitled "The military-Indian frontier, 1830-1835."

MONOGRAPHS AND GENERAL TREATISES

Several general works deserve mention in this connection as having a direct bearing upon the history of the Mississippi valley. *The history of transportation in the United States before 1860*, prepared under the direction of B. H. Meyer by Caroline E. MacGill and a staff of collaborators (Washington, 1917. 676

p.)⁹ considers the importance to the west of plank road building, of the introduction of the steamboat on western rivers, and of railroad development. *Wage bargaining on the vessels of the great lakes*, by Henry E. Hoagland (Urbana, 1917. 123 p.)¹⁰ has appeared as the third number of volume 6 of the University of Illinois studies in the social sciences. *The story of corn and the western migration*, by Eugene C. Brooks, (Chicago, 1916. 308 p.)¹¹ is an attempt to indicate the significance of agriculture in the history of the nation. An *Introductory manual for the study and reading of agrarian history*, by W. J. Trimble, is important for the valuable bibliographical data which is offered to those interested in this comparatively new field of history. *Social history of the American family*, by A. W. Calhoun (Cleveland, 1917, 1918. 348, 390 p.)¹² considers family life in the French west and makes an attempt to appraise the significance of the free lands of the west in their influence upon American family institutions. *Western influence in political parties to 1825: an essay in historical interpretation*,¹³ by H. C. Hockett, has appeared as number 4 of the Ohio state university studies in history and political science. *The political history of the public lands from 1840 to 1862*, by G. M. Stephenson (Boston, 1917. 206 p.)¹⁴ throws light on an important phase of American history.

The centennial of the anniversary of the state of Illinois has stimulated considerable activity in the field of historical writing. "Illinois in 1818" by Solon J. Buck (Springfield, 1917. 362 p.) is the forerunner of the five volume centennial history of Illinois. Another volume of University of Illinois studies in the social sciences has been brought out in the past year; it includes *The veto power of the governor of Illinois*, by N. H. Debel (volume vi, numbers 1 and 2, Urbana, 1917. 149 p.)¹⁵ Short histories of Illinois have been issued; *Illinois and the nation*, by O. R. Trowbridge and G. P. Randle (Chicago, 1917.

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¹¹ Reviewed in this number.

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¹⁵ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 529-530.

312 p.)¹⁶ and *Illinois, the story of the prairie state*,¹⁷ by Grace Humphrey (Indianapolis, 1917. 267 p. 3 p. bib.). Clarence W. Alvord and Idress Head Alvord are preparing a one volume state history on the basis of the researches of the authors of the centennial history. *Illinois during the fifties*¹⁸ is the title of a quasi-reminiscent study by C. B. Johnson. (Champaign, 1918. 180 p.) *With the national guard on the border*,¹⁹ by Irving G. McCann (St. Louis, 1917. 271 p.), recounts some of the experiences of the first infantry Illinois national guard on the Mexican border in 1916. *Illinois*,²⁰ by Allan Nevins (New York, 1917. 378 p.), in the American college and university series issued by the Oxford university press, is the first history to be written concerning the University of Illinois. The first volume (Champaign-Urbana, 1918.) of a three volume *Semi-centennial history of the University of Illinois*, by B. E. Powell, has just made its appearance. In the *Quarter-centennial celebration of the university of Chicago* (Chicago, 1918. 234 p.), David A. Robertson records in detail the ceremonies and addresses of June 2-6, 1917. *A history of the Illinois and Michigan canal*²¹ by James W. Putnam, has been issued as volume x of the Chicago historical society's collections (Chicago, 1918. 213 p.). Recent developments in Lincolniana require the notice of *Latest light on Abraham Lincoln*,²² and *War-time memories* by Ervin S. Chapman (New York, Chicago, 1917. 570 p.);²³ *Abraham Lincoln, three addresses*, by M. W. Stryker (Kirkland, N. Y., 1917, 43 p.); *Abraham Lincoln*, an address by C. P. Bissett (Los Angeles, 1916, 561 p.);²⁴ *Honest Abe, a study in integrity based on the early life of Abraham Lincoln*,²⁵ by Alonzo Rothschild (Boston, 1917. 374 p.); *Abraham Lincoln*, by W. F. Gordy (New York, 1917. 266 p.); and *Lincoln in Illinois*,²⁶ by

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¹⁸ Reviewed in this number.

¹⁹ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 518-519.

²⁰ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 398-401.

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Octavia Roberts (Boston, 1918. 119 p.). A volume entitled *The voice of Lincoln*, by R. M. Wanamaker (New York, 1918), has recently been announced. A "new edition with new matter" has appeared of *The life of Abraham Lincoln*, by Ida M. Tarbell (2 vols. New York, 1917. 426, 475 p.). Jesse W. Weik is at work preparing a new edition of *Abraham Lincoln; the true story of a great life*, of which he and William H. Herndon were joint authors. *The history of railroads in Illinois since 1870* is the title announced for the doctoral dissertation (Illinois) of Clare E. Griffin.

The studies series of the publications of the Wisconsin historical society was inaugurated with the painstaking monograph of Frederick Merk entitled *Economic history of Wisconsin during the civil war decade* (Madison, 1916. 414 p.).²⁷ Mr. Merk has announced the subject of his Harvard doctoral dissertation as *The railroad history of the granger northwest*. Histories of two counties of Wisconsin are being prepared: one of Trempeleau county by E. T. Pierce and one of Door county by Hjalmar R. Holand.

The Michigan historical commission has brought out a careful study of the *Public life of Zachariah Chandler*, by Wilmer C. Harris (Lansing, 1917. 150 p.) as volume two of the university series of its publications. The commission has also issued *Lawton Thomas Hemans: a memorial*, "by the people of Michigan;" a biographical sketch by Mrs. Hemans is followed by numerous tributes garnered from different sources. *Historic Mackinac* (New York, 1918. 697, 773 pp.),²⁸ dealing with the historical picturesque, and legendary features of Mackinac county, has appeared from the pen of Edwin O. Wood, former president of the Michigan historical commission and vice-president of the Mackinac island park commission. *The life and work of George Sylvester Morris*, by Robert M. Wenley (New York, 1918. 326 p.), is a study of the influence of a prominent university of Michigan professor of the period from 1870 to 1889. *Michigan legislation, 1805-1870* is the announced title of a doctoral dissertation by J. H. Russell (Michigan).

The Indiana centennial still continues to bear fruit in histo-

²⁷ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 401-402.

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rical publications. *Sieur de Vincennes identified*, by Pierre-Georges Roy, and *Morgan's raid in Indiana*, by Louis D. Ewbank, have been issued as numbers of volume VII of the *Indiana historical society publications*. *Historical sketches of the Wabash valley*, by J. W. Whicker (Attica, Ind., 1917. 159 p.); *History of the Church of the Brethren in Indiana*, by Otho Winger (Elgin, 1917. 479 p.); and *Little Turtle, the great chief of the Miami nation*, by C. M. Young (Greenville, Ohio, 1917. 249 p.), are recent volumes in the field of Indiana history. The second and last volume of the *History of Indiana*, prepared by the Indiana historical survey, is in press. The manuscript of a *Political history of Indiana* has been prepared under the same auspices. Jacob P. Dunn has issued a prospectus for an interesting venture in the biographical side of the field of Indiana history.

Ohio publications include *Ohio in four wars, a military history*, by Daniel J. Ryan (Columbus, 1917. 281 p.)²⁹ and *The first map and description of Ohio 1787*, the map prepared under the direction of Manasseh Cutler together with his *Explanation of the map* (Washington, 1918.). *An old frontier of France*, by Frank H. Severance (2 vols. New York, 1917. 436, 485 p.)³⁰ is a regional history of the Niagara and of the adjacent lakes during the period of French control. *The history of educational legislation in Ohio*, by Edward Q. Miller, has appeared in the April, 1918, numbers of the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly* (vol. XXVII, p. 271). *Perry's victory centenary*³¹ is the report of the Perry's victory centennial commission of New York, compiled by George D. Emerson (Albany, 1916. 309 p.). George F. Smythe of Gambier, Ohio, has been officially appointed to write a history of the Episcopal church in that state. Doctoral dissertations are in progress on the following topics: *The geography of the Wabash Maumee valley*, by B. H. Schockel (Chicago) and *The religious development of Ohio to 1830*, by Margaret Mitchell (Chicago).

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The Illinois centennial celebration is proceeding with great

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³⁰ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 519-520.

³¹ Reviewed *ante*, 4: 521-622.

success. *The masque of Illinois*, by Wallace Rice (Springfield, 1918. 30 p.), has been written for community production during the year and has been received with enthusiasm; the masque very effectively introduces Mr. Rice's "Hail, Illinois," a vigorous and effective state song. *The wonderful story of Illinois*, by Grace A. Owen (Springfield, 1918. 48 p.), is another pageant published and distributed by the centennial commission. The commission has published a *Centennial bulletin*, since October 1, 1917, in which the director of the celebration has offered a comprehensive discussion of plans and programs for county and local celebrations.

The university of Illinois expected to combine the centennial celebration of the state with the semi-centennial of the university, for which William Chauncey Langdon was engaged as pageant-master. While the formal celebration has been abandoned several historical masques and pageants have been staged. The April meeting of the Illinois state historical society was the formal celebration under state auspices. The Chicago historical society simultaneously held a commemorative meeting which was featured by an address on "Illinois in history" by the Rev. Charles P. Anderson. Special patriotic music by a large chorus was arranged for the occasion and a display of old historic flags that had waved over Illinois from the discovery of the Mississippi river by De Soto to the centennial year. At the same time an exhibit was displayed of objects illustrating Illinois history selected from collections of the Chicago historical society; this exhibit will be on view throughout the year at the society's building. Its museum has been reorganized to secure better coördination and to coöperate with the Council of national defense and the committee on public information in the process of inculcating patriotism by means of history.

The *Annual checklist of periodicals and newspapers currently received at the Wisconsin historical library*, corrected to January 1, 1918, will appear shortly. A supplement to the society's catalog of newspaper files, issued in 1911, has been prepared and is now in press. *Collect material for Wisconsin's war history now* and *Directions for organizing war history committees and*

collecting war material are the titles of bulletins one and two issued by the Wisconsin war history commission.

The *Year-book of the Sandusky county pioneer and historical association* (Fremont, Ohio, 1917. 77 p.) suggests the activities of the most aggressive county historical agency in Ohio. The pamphlet is in large part made up of the reminiscences of pioneers.

The Michigan historical commission has actively assisted the Michigan pioneer and historical society, the county auxiliary societies, and the women's clubs and patriotic societies working in Michigan history. County historical societies were organized in 1917 in Marquette and Alger counties, and other societies have been kept active by the visits of agents of the commission. The commission is attempting to arouse greater interest in the teaching of Michigan history and is preparing two volumes of "readings in Michigan history" to supplement the regular textbooks. The secretary of the commission has also prepared an outline of twenty-five topics for the use of teachers which is printed in the April, 1918, issue of the *Michigan history magazine*; the commission supplies sets of the *Michigan pioneer and historical collections* to all school libraries which request them. William E. Brown of Dexter, a former Indian missionary, is preparing a volume of *Indian legendary poems and songs of cheer with assistance from the commission*. The prize essays written by pupils of Michigan schools in 1916-1917 on the subject "The first school and the children who attended it" have been published by the commission as Bulletin number 9.

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